

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 09955.0047-01000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Frédéric FORTIN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3775  
Application No.: 10/760,075 ) Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W.  
Filed: January 18, 2004 )  
For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL ) Confirmation No.: 1916  
LINKING DEVICE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

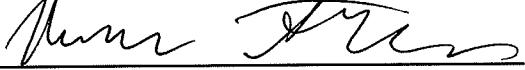
Applicant petitions for a one month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action of May 26, 2009, extending the due date for response to September 28, 2009 (September 26, 2009, falling on a Saturday). A fee of \$65.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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